6: Abbeville--262 (1611) 1614 Tupinamba
116; 142

The Topinamba Indians are generally of middle stature, about the height of the average Frenchman: although it is true that there are those very strong among them some six to seven feet as I saw several places. They have naturally a good build and are well proportioned partly because of the temperature of the country and partly because they are not violently forced or constrained like the Mignons [AW: dandies] of other parts by clothes which bind them.

They usually have a flat nose because the midwife who delivers them presses their noses thus when they are first born.

1: Staden--136 (1553-54) 1928 Tupinamba
116, 142

"The savages are a fine race and handsome in face and general appearance, both men and women. They resemble our own people at home, except that they are brown from the sun."

6: Abbeville--266v (1611) 1614 Tupinamba
116, 142, 854

...The skin [MC: of the Maragnans] is of a brown color and oily which seems to please them: but I think that this color comes not from the heat of the climate but from the oils and paints which they usually put on the body. Because when they are born (which I saw several times) they are as white as babies in France: But they have this custom a day or two after they are born to rub the entire body with oil and Roucou (AM: rucu) which red paint ... a process which is repeated every few days and in a little while the babies become all tanned without having been in the sun very much...

12: Magalhães de Gandavo--83 (2) (1576) 1922 Tupinamba
116, 142

"These Indians are of a dark brown colour with sleek hair; the face is flattened and some of their features resemble [those of] the Chinese; (88) for the most part they are well set up, lusty and of good stature."

'88. Vaz Caminha says: 'Their appearance is dark brown, somewhat reddish. They have shapely faces, shapely noses, and shapely figures, and they go naked."'